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Identity Theft

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in America. Email, the Internet, ATM's, computer banking, credit card transactions, and your mailbox can all add to identity theft if you are not careful. By taking a few precautions you can help reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Personal

- Be aware of how you carry your wallet and purse when out in public
- Minimize the amount of credit cards you carry on your person
- Never write your pin number on any card
- Check your monthly statements for any unauthorized purchases
- Never carry your social security card with you



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At Your Home

- Have a locking mailbox
- Don't have new checks delivered to your house. If possible, pick up new checks at your bank
- If you're expecting a package with personal information and you are away, have a neighbor collect it
- Shred all personal information and papers with account numbers

Credit Cards and Checks

- Report lost or stolen cards and checks immediately
- Once a year, order a credit report to make sure there is no unauthorized activity
- Keep a master list of card numbers safe at home
- Only give out credit card account numbers on phone calls you have initiated
- Make sure Internet sites are secured sites when giving credit card information
- Do not put your drivers license number on checks